



# General Policies and Procedures

## Intellectual Property Protection

**Proprietary Information** (IGA and Crew Code of Conduct provide the following)

- The IGA safeguards the proprietary nature of utilization data passing through the communications systems of the ISS and the proprietary nature of data and goods transported on a Partners' space transportation system.
- Crew members are required to use confidential data obtained in the course of performing their duties for official purposes only.
- The IGA establishes a procedure to protect sensitive data exchanged in performance of activities on the ISS, and all properly identified proprietary data derived from an experiment will be protected.
- Commercial customers will be guaranteed confidentiality.

### Inventions

- The IGA establishes that for purposes of determining the country of inventorship, a territorial approach based on the ownership/registry of elements prevails. Therefore, an activity occurring on an element is deemed to have occurred in the territory of the Partner who owns/registers that element.
- Full scripting of experiment procedures or self-contained packaging of the experiment can minimize or eliminate possible crew inventorship issues.

